

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to an Office Action mailed January 5, 2006. Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19-52, 57-69, 71-74, and 76-78 are pending in the present application. Claims 2-6, 47-50, and 69 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. In particular, claims 3-6 and 48-50 have been amended to replace the term "is" with "comprises." In view of these claim amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration by the Examiner and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 2, 47, and 69 are objected to due to informalities. In particular, the Examiner suggests that the phrase "A multi-component catalyst structure" be changed to "A catalyst structure." Therefore, the term "multi-component" has been deleted from the cited claims.

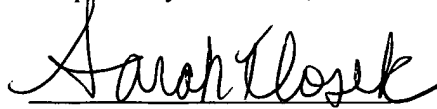
Claims 9, 12, 15, 18, and 53-55 are objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claims 3-6 and 48-50. Therefore, claims 9, 12, 15, 18, and 53-55 are cancelled.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing claim amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. However, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if there are any remaining issues in this application to be resolved.

Finally, if there are any additional charges in connection with this response, please charge the required fee to Applicants' deposit account number 19-5425.

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